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Ukraine Cancels Restrictive Import Regulations on Animal Products

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Report Highlights:

Ukraine has canceled a regulation that was to come into power on January 14th, 2010. The regulation would have required compulsory individual veterinary inspections of all facilities exporting animal origin products to Ukraine. Because this was cancelled, exports of US meat and other products of animal origin to Ukraine may continue as usual.

General Information:

Cancellation of the Regulation

Throughout the second half of 2009 FAS/Kyiv worked intensively to clarify products the regulation might cover and possible consequences of its implementation. There were many products covered by 149 and it threatened food trade broadly. Working with Ukrainian VS and other stakeholders in many meetings, the consensus was that the measure was unworkable. Neither implementation nor justification were clear.

Order 149 was an amendment to Order 23. In December of 2009, the Ukrainian State Department for Veterinary Medicine officially carried out legal procedures to [cancel](#) Order No. 23 (March 12, 2001) and all amendments to it including the controversial Order No. 149. The Ministry of Justice of Ukraine approved the cancellation on December 28th, 2009. The number of the approval is 1255/17271. The cancellation was [officially announced](#) on VS web site and [notified to the WTO](#).

Description of the Canceled Regulation

As outlined in FAS/Kyiv [GAIN Report](#) published on August 18th, 2009, Ukraine's Veterinary Service intended to require individual enterprise inspection for all suppliers of products of animal origin, including U.S., for products imported into Ukraine. This regulation was adopted on May 20th, 2009 by the State Committee for Veterinary Medicine as Order No. 149 that amended Order No. 23 adopted on May 21st, 2001. Through official bilateral correspondence and bilateral conversations with veterinary officials FAS/Kyiv concluded that U.S. poultry, red meat, fish, dairy and pet food exports would have been impacted.

Order No 149 stated the following: Import of raw animal products, feed additives, premixes, feeds for livestock and other products of animal origin to Ukraine's territory is permitted only after the preliminary inspection of epizootic situation, requirements set for production facilities and processing, storage conditions and other requirements in the countries the product originates from. The inspections are to be done in accordance with the existing legislation by specialists of the Veterinary Service. An official conclusion issued by the Veterinary Medicine Service of Ukraine must be issued.

This Order was notified to the WTO and can be found here [G/SPS/N/UKR/3/Rev.1](#)

Conclusion

Trade in meat and other products of animal origin can be conducted as usual.